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TO:

DIRECTOR, CIA

FROM:

SR REP ☐ ☐

ACTION: SE 6

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

ROUTINE

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INFORMATION:

COP, FI, FI/OPS, FI/STD, PP 2, PM 5, FI/RI 2

TO: DIR

CITE: ☐ ☐RE: DIR 25868 (OUT 98991), ☐ ☐

AIR SUPPORT/OBOPUS

1. ON 23-24 OCTOBER OBOPUS ATTEMPTED LEAFLET DROP AND RESUPPLY APPLE. AT ITEM 1531 OUR C-47 APPROACHED APPLE D.Z. AT 300 FEET ALTITUDE WITH AIRSPEED 105 MPH. WHILE PLANE WAS CROSSING THE T, TWO ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES OPENED UP. TAKE-OFF POWER IMMEDIATELY APPLIED AND RIGHT TURN BEGUN. AS PLANE ESCAPED FROM VALLEY, ESTIMATED 5 ADDITIONAL ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITIONS OPENED UP.

2. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER STARTING TURN, AIRCRAFT HIT BY 1 SHELL AND OIL PRESSURE ON LEFT ENGINE DROPPED TO ZERO. PILOT FEATHERED ENGINE TO PREVENT FIRE AND ESCAPED ON 1 ENGINE. DAMAGE LATER PROVED TO BE MINOR. NAVIGATOR SAYS ONLY PILOT'S EXCEPTIONAL SKILL MADE ESCAPE POSSIBLE. FAILURE TO USE TRACERS IN ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES ALSO HELPED.

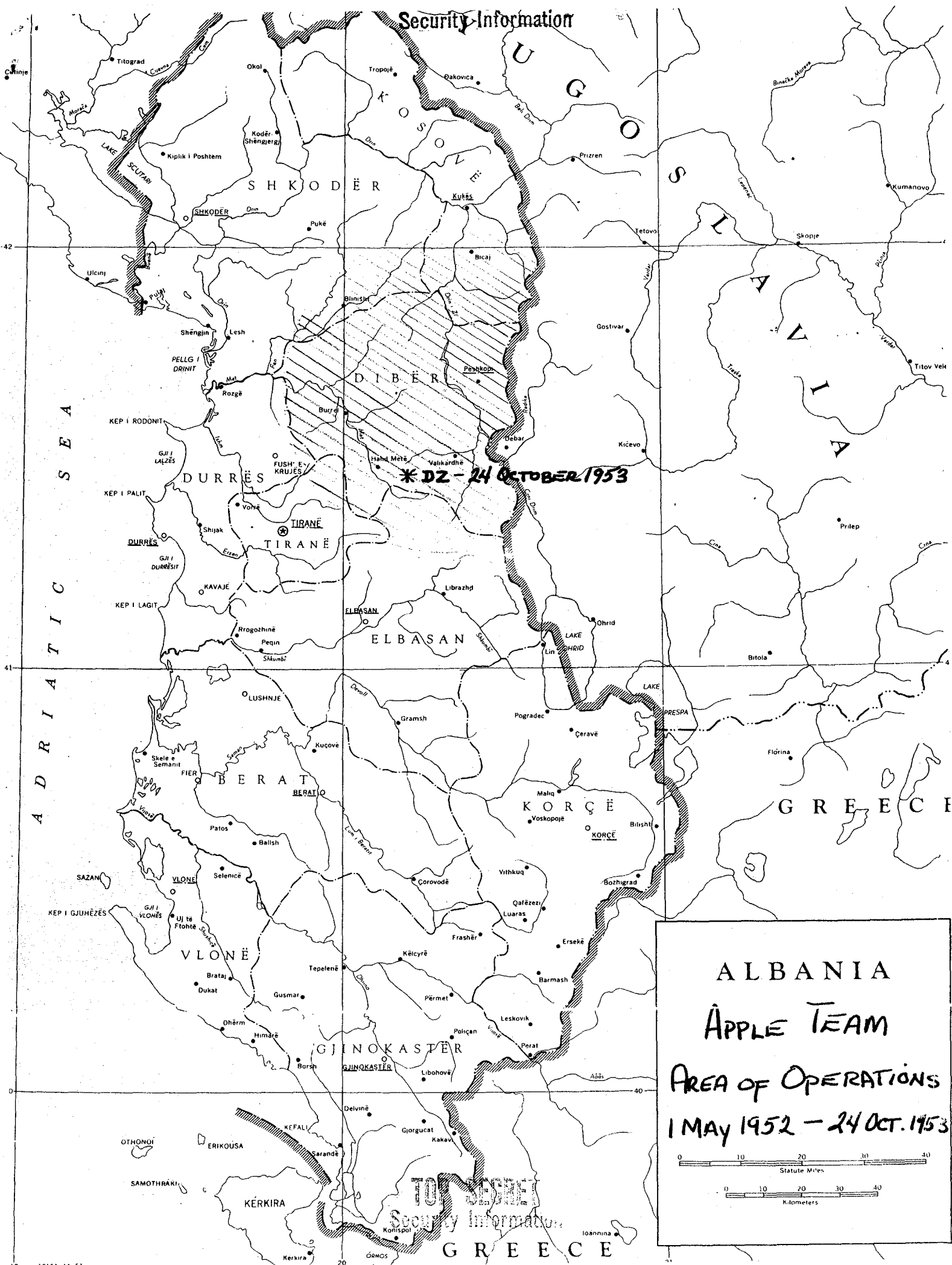
3. LENGTH OF TIME APPLE UNDER CONTROL NOT KNOWN BUT BELIEVED TO DATE BACK SOME MONTHS.

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Security Information



ALBANIA

APPLE TEAM

AREA OF OPERATIONS

1 MAY 1952 - 24 OCT. 1953

0 10 20 30 40
Statute Miles

0 10 20 30 40
Kilometers

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